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# THE *President's* PAGE

President Brett bids a fond farewell to the membership-at-large through this, her last President's Page during her tenure of office, with the following message:

"All who joy would win must share it—happiness was born a twin."—Byron.

The human heart craves and seeks unceasingly for happiness. Without happiness we lose sight of our destination. The fullest measure of happiness is attained by working in harmony with our fellow man in all our endeavors.

The work that has been accomplished by the A.D.A.A. officers and the committees is again this year outstanding. I would that each of you could share with me the happiness and joy I have received from the relationship with you the past year. My sincere thanks to you for your splendid cooperation.

As we close another chapter in the history of A.D.A.A. let us resolve to begin another year with increased enthusiasm, approach each task with calmness, and confidence in our ability to attain our objective.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing a great many of you at the annual session in Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

EVELYN BRETT, President

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# The Growth of a Profession

*Address presented at the annual capping service of the graduating class of Lux College, San Francisco, California.*

By DR. WILLARD C. FLEMING

Dean of the University of California College of Dentistry, President-Elect  
American College of Dentists.



Nurses, dentists, hygienists and physicians, statistics show us, generally do not come from families of the very well-to-do. They come from the homes where security is an ever-present topic; where the next payment of the mortgage, the life insurance premium, or next month's rent are subjects of family conference. Their parents, have seen in the professions and vocations an opportunity to make secure the social and economic status of their children, and it is to that end that their efforts have been directed.

Those who are not associated with the professions may find that they are unfamiliar with some of the concepts that govern this new way of life that their children are starting.

The health workers, of their own accord, are governed by a code of ethics, by standards of their own design, which are, in many instances, different from those which guide the conduct of the world about them.

Most of us were brought up in the business world, with the give-and-take of trade and barter, where the laws of supply and demand rule. This business world has a code of ethics of its own, and one with which you are all more or less familiar.

Perhaps the fundamental difference between the two ways of thought can be brought out best by the following illustration.

Let us assume a person wishes to buy a radio or a clock. If the business man can obtain a price over and beyond the actual value of the merchandise he is con-

sidered a good salesman, and if consistent in his selling efforts, may even obtain a raise in salary and a promotion.

This relationship between the buyer and the seller is based on the assumption that the buyer is reasonably well informed as to the relative value of the article and in a position to judge the fairness of the price. On the other hand, the patients of the nurse and hygienist and dentist, or the physician are in no position to judge the need for services or the relative value of this service. In other words, the patient is at the mercy of the professional man or woman.

Long ago, medicine, the oldest of the health professions, recognized this fact, and through the years has developed the code of action that is essentially the code used by the health professions today.

When the profit motives become the prime objective, the calling is no longer a profession. Professions are small social and political worlds of their own. They have their own organizations, their own literature. They control and formulate their own educational programs; they discipline and honor their own members; their standards are their own and they come closer to following the Golden Rule, than do most of the other groups in our world today.

To the student, commencement day is a colon, signifying a break in their life sentence which joins two coordinate parts, the second of which explains the first. Study and improvement must continue, however, if you are to discharge the ob-

ligations you assumed when you first registered as a student.

You have allied yourself with dentistry and it should be of interest to know something of the growth and development of dentistry as a profession. The story of our growth is a story of changing objectives and increasing responsibilities.

The First Responsibility was the relief of pain. The period of the blacksmith and the barber. No educational requirement was necessary.

The Second Responsibility was assumed when we found that it was possible to restore teeth and parts of teeth. Here the apprenticeship method of education sufficed. It was enough for the student to apprentice himself to the older, experienced man and learn the "tricks of the trade."

The Third Responsibility was added about the turn of the century, when it became evident that oral health was related to general health. It was then that the professional course at the college level was instituted. Prevention and elimination of oral infection became the third responsibility. Dental educational programs began to include courses in the medical sciences, bacteriology, pathology, physiology, and so on.

The Fourth Responsibility came in the late teens and the early twenties. This was known at that time as preventive dentistry, but as we see it today, it is actually the period of control. This period was characterized by the slogans "A clean tooth does not decay" and "See your dentist twice a year." Actually we had found that dental disease could be controlled if we carried out a program of frequent examinations, early diagnosis, and early and adequate treatment. The control of dental disease does not differ fundamentally from the control of the other diseases whose cause is obscure. For example, cancer and diabetes are "controllable" diseases if the same principles are adopted: frequent examinations, early diagnosis, and early and adequate treatment.

At this point the dental profession and dental education began to realize that the profession was coming of age, that it was well on its way to becoming an important part of our national health program. To meet this responsibility we must have dentists with a broader educational background who can be expected to recognize the fundamental trends in our American way of life and to lead the profession intelligently into the future where new responsibilities are to be met.

It was during this period that the pre-professional college-level course was instituted. First one year, and then two years as a minimum requirement. It is of interest to note that over half of the students enrolled today have more than the minimum requirement.

The Fifth Responsibility is the prevention of dental disease, and this is located along the road to the future.

During the past one hundred years dentistry has become a true profession, lifting itself by its boot straps in what is almost a phenomenal progress. This change from vocation to profession was accomplished by taking three well-defined steps. First, the group developed an educational system. Second, a functioning organization with specific purposes and high ideals. And lastly, an active research program that has materially advanced the frontiers of knowledge in our particular field. Every calling I know of that has true professional status has accomplished these things. Today, the dental assistant has the beginnings of a good organization, but this group represents one of the first moves toward an adequate educational system. You are literally among the pioneers of this movement. As yet there is no sign of a research program on the horizon, nor does one expect it at this stage. If one could judge the future by the past, it would appear that the efforts of your group during your lifetime should be directed toward the improvement of your organization and educational system. Out of this will grow a research program,

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# THE USE OF *A Budget Plan* IN DENTISTRY

BY BETTY MACY

Dentistry, like medicine, is for the many and not the few. The varied incomes make it imperative to have a planned system for payment of such services and such a plan will enable all classes to stop neglecting their various health needs. Self-reliance and not dependency will build a stronger economical foundation, and one that will preserve American independence.

Dentistry can arrange a real democratic deferred payment plan that will correct the vast majority of the financial problems of the public regarding all health requirements and one that will make available dental services to more people in a larger way. Since dentistry is being challenged regarding distribution of dental service, such a plan as stated would in a degree meet the challenge.

Some speak as if the practice of dentistry were conducted in a vacuum, free from the currents of economic forces. Dentists are in business and unless they take heed of current business trends, they are likely to find themselves in a tight financial condition. It is easy to become lax in the extension of credit and inattentive to collections. A few years ago, most dental transactions were handled on a cash basis. Things are somewhat different now. There is more installment buying and larger amounts of extended credit on the books.

During previous war years when consumer credit and installment buying of most things were tightly regulated and many items were unavailable, people bought dentistry because they couldn't buy much of anything else. Some dentists misinterpreted this sign and began to

think that people were buying dentistry in preference to other goods and services. They were elated to think that the acme in dental health education was at hand and that people were flocking to dental offices because they had been converted to belief in the benefits of dental care. As soon as autos, TV sets, building materials, etc., (became) available people (began) to stay away from dental offices in larger numbers. At first the change in practice may be so subtle as to escape observation. Dentists may be seeing patients, but treating them for less costly conditions. The larger prosthetic and reconstruction cases will follow the Dow-Jones average, the employment index, the prices of farm produce and existing conditions.

Unlike the business man, many dentist's do not form the habit of following contractual procedures in extending credit. The use of written contract forms and promissory notes has been successful in the hands of some dentists, but they are in the minority. In many offices an extremely nonchalant procedure is used in extending credit. They let the patient set the terms and seldom make exerted efforts to enforce the conditions of payment.

It is true that the majority cannot afford complete mouth dentistry on a "cash and carry" basis. Later figures will prove that most people who pay for anything but emergency dental treatment must either save in advance out of income money or handle its cost under a time payment plan. The latter method is the preferred one with the most people, who are quite used to making deferred payments on refrigerators, cars, homes, etc.

Nevertheless, most dentists allow a number of "reliable" patients to defer payments under an open account system. Unfortunately when he limits open accounts, either in size or quantity, his ability to provide persons of all income groups with the type of dentistry they should have, greatly diminished. In other words, he operates his practice for a

small fraction of its potentials. It is with these thoughts in mind that a budget plan control fits all sizes of incomes. It permits a dentist to reach 80% of the people not now going to the dentist. With it he can convert a large percentage of nonpaying open accounts to contracts that bring him a steady monthly income.

Further, a dentist's production can be increased—as much as 50% within six months. He will be able to do his finest work and get paid for it. His relations with his patients will be more congenial. He will have the type of practice it is a pleasure to come down to in the morning.

The latest figures presented by the Federal Reserve Board indicate that 55% of all people in the U. S. have no bonds, 56% of all people in the U. S. have no savings and 61% of all people in the U. S. no checking accounts. Further, they show that 53% of all families earn less than \$3,000 or less per year and only 5% of the entire population of the U. S. earn \$7,500 per year or more. It would therefore appear that most of the patients we deal with are on a small income basis. If we present dentistry on the basis of full mouth care, we must make some arrangements for this majority. Why? Because if we present full mouth care to the 56% with no savings, what are they going to dig into to settle their account? Or, if we present full mouth care to the 61% with no checking account, how are they going to pay? Won't it be a question of either not having the work done or the doctor getting stuck? (And to prove that all dentists in the U. S. get stuck, the figures from the ADA substantiate that collections are only 65%, which means as a whole we lose 35%.) And if we present full mouth care to the 53% with an income of \$3,000 per year, or about \$250 per month, with the present cost of living, can they—on a limited budget—pay "cash when completed" or within thirty days?

A budget plan will do three things. First, it will increase your doctor's income.

Second, it will maintain a fixed monthly income for your doctor. Third, it will give you collection control.

It will increase your doctor's income (production) because it will give your doctor a chance to sell more full mouth care instead of piece meal dentistry or "just do what is needed now." We were amazed when we first put a budget plan in our office. Patients whom we offered no choice of the type of restorations, because we had determined what they could afford, chose not only the highest type of service, but service based on complete mouth care. And they chose it because we offered them the opportunity of buying this service on a time basis. Working people in the 53% who earned \$3,000 per year or less were being given a chance to have the best—and they were taking it. As a result we increased our income because we sold more and better dentistry.

A fixed monthly income is established in this manner—when a need for is created and a plan offered, a definite written agreement is signed either on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. If you have, say 50 people on contract at \$10 per month for six months duration, you know that your doctor's income will be \$500 per month for a six months period of time. As you add more plans, the amount of monthly income increases as does the time element. Suppose under this arrangement your doctor would be out of the office for a number of reasons—sickness, a dental meeting, fishing, etc., we all know that when he doesn't work, production stops and overhead goes on. With a budget plan establishing a fixed income, he knows he is assured of at least enough to meet his immediate expenses and he doesn't have to say "can I afford to be out of my office?"

It offers collection control in this manner: A contract involving a third party, whether there is actually a third party or not, is signed. I say whether or not an actual third party is involved or not, be-

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# "The Definition of *A Dental Assistant*"

By MARGARET PACE

Much has been said about what the assistant should not do, but I want to tell you what she does do, and praise her for her achievements. The dental office to the assistant is a stage, and during her service she plays many parts; such as, **HOSTESS**, **TELEPHONE OPERATOR**, **FINANCIER**, **PURCHASING AGENT**, **ECONOMIST**, **LABORATORY AND X-RAY TECHNICIAN**, **BOKKEEPER**, **THE DOCTOR'S EXTRA OR THIRD HAND**, AND **A BEAUTICIAN**.

"**HOSTESS**" As hostess, she is considerate of all who comes into the office, they are her guests. Therefore, she is quite sure the office is in as good condition as she would have her own home. It is her privilege, as well as her duty to know the office of the dentist for whom she works is in first class condition, she knows that nothing speaks of failure quite as plainly as does an unkept office and soiled uniforms. When a patient comes into a well ventilated, tidy, clean reception room, his confidence is gained. This being the first part of the office that the patient or guest sees he is soothed and relaxed, therefore, his being in a better mental condition makes it possible for the doctor to render a better service. Being hostess, she greets all patients with a sincere smile, not only the paying guest is greeted pleasantly, but she is charitable to all who come into the office, not just the rich ones, but the poor ones also; to the detail man, the salesman, the laundry man, the delivery and paper boys. She fully realizes that by being kind to all who come into the office, she might unaware, be entertaining prospective patients. After the reception room is put in order, then the business office, the laboratory and operating room or rooms.

"**TELEPHONE OPERATOR**" All telephone operators are sent to a school and are taught how to speak so that they may have more pleasing voices, and so, the assistant strives to have a cheery, pleasing and inviting voice when answering the telephone. Often times she will smile to relax the muscles so as to have a smile ringing" through the well enunciated words when she says, **HELLO**. She cultivates a pleasant voice and makes it vibrate with life and enthusiasm, remembering at all times she is judged solely by what she says, and particularly how she says it.

"**FINANCIER**" To be a financier she must also be a bookkeeper, collector, purchasing agent, a paymaster and an economist. The records of every thing must be kept, and after collecting and banking the money she writes the checks, but does not sign them, to pay the bills. The supplies are to be purchased, therefore, she acquaints herself with the different articles that will be bought from day to day. Economy pertains to saving time, as well as to saving money, and by her systematic efforts she leaves the dentist free to render a greater service for which his training and skill specially befit him. Time changes standard, and so by doing all the different things, other than the actual work done in the mouth, she is helping her doctor to operate his office on a more economical basis.

"**THE DOCTOR'S EXTRA (or) THIRD HAND**" At the chair she is a great help by having everything accessible. As she works with the doctor she can anticipate his every move, and as the operation progresses she will know his next need, and harmoniously cooperate with him because she knows together they are rendering a wonderful service, and that she is working for the dentist instead of him working for her, and working for him she is ever complimentary of him, both his ability as a dentist and as a human being.

"**AN X-RAY AND LABORATORY TECHNICIAN**" She does not insert the film

into the mouth but she does operate the machine and develops and mounts the pictures. Then as a laboratory technician—here—there is no law to prevent her from doing all the laboratory work that she has time to do. Since she has chosen to be a Dental Assistant she is willing to make any sacrifice of her own desires and feeling so that everything in the office will be as it should. Having chosen this vocation she wants to be a success, therefore, she remembers that fear and faith are infallible in their effects upon work and life. Work, indeed, is life expressing itself in effort. Success will never rise higher than one's confidence; realizing this, she sets a goal for herself and never loses sight of it, and so the price of success is *Preservance, Application and Courage.*

**"A BEAUTICIAN"** Her first duty is to herself. To be neat and tidy, well-kept hands, but no red finger nails, no costume jewelry, such as ear rings and bracelets, she may, however, wear her watch and two rings, a clean white uniform, white shoes, and she has the privilege of being in full uniform with white hose, cap and pin. She remembers at all times that there is certain dignity and professional appearance that must be upheld, but she never is too proud to do the small jobs that have to be done in a dental office. She is never through work when she has done what she is told to do, but only when she has done all there is to do. She never puts off until tomorrow the things that needs to be done today. These and many other things the good assistant does, not in arrogance but in humility. Perhaps you would like to ask if she does all these things, is her pay large enough to compensate? Some times yes, and some times no; but she, like the doctor, makes a living and gets the thrill of helping him render a greater service to the patients by doing the unskilled jobs of the office. There is romance in the profession of Dental Assisting. What is romance? It is a thrill.

And indeed, it is thrilling to help

render a wonderful service in good dentistry. In trying to be a good assistant, she learns to keep her head when the patient loses his, and blames her when things go wrong. She trusts herself when the patient, and even the doctor doubts her ability. She learns to wait upon her doctor day by day, and not grow tired and discouraged. She works with her might and holds on when there is nothing left, except a will which says "Hold On." She fills every hour of the day with sixty honest minutes. Then the profession is her's and She is a dental assistant worthy of her hire.

## RUPERT HUGHES ON WASHINGTON --

"When the war was over, he was asked to be King, but he did not make false pretenses like Julius Caesar or seize the powers as Napoleon did. Instead of thanking the men who offered him a crown, Washington rebuked them for the worst "insult" he ever had in his life.

"He never punished a rival. He had no rivals, for he did not seek glory or power for himself. When he was made President he accepted unwillingly and tried to retire after his first term. He was persuaded to accept a second. There was another crisis when that ended; but he would not accept a third term under any condition. His *Farewell Address* is one of the noblest of documents. It is like a letter written by a wise and loving father to his children.

"A lifelong study of this good and noble gentleman leads me to believe him the greatest and most beneficial human that ever lived. He was truly and beautifully the Father of his Country—of our beloved and eternally grateful country."

### NOTICE

The November-December issue of *The Dental Assistant* will be mailed a little later than the usual mailing date. This is necessary in order to include in it a full report of the A.D.A.A. convention.

# ON CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill, in the shadow of the Washington Monument A.D.A.A.'ers will gather next month for their 1951 convention. There will be Friendship, Fun, and Food for thought to be had in abundance.

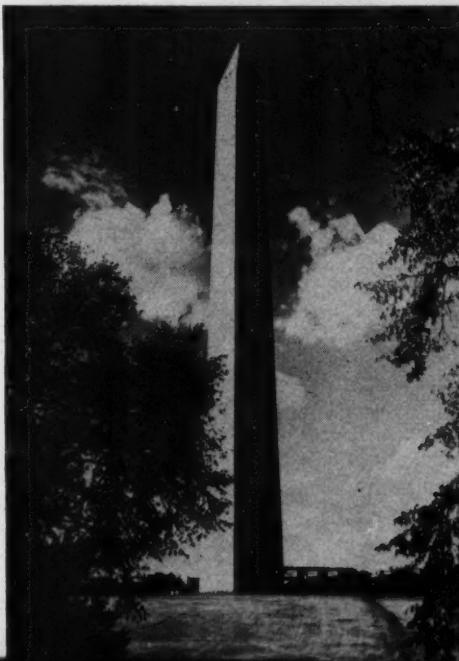
Aside from the thrill we always experience from coming together again, renewing friendships, working together in discussing our problems, checking our accomplishments of the past year, formulating plans for the coming year, and gaining knowledge from our scientific programs, for many there will be the thrill of your first visit to our Nation's Capital. And it will be a thrill!

Washington is unlike any other city in the United States in many respects. This sprawling city, on the banks of the Potomac River, with its suburbs that spill into Maryland and Virginia, has a population of about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million. It is per capita, the wealthiest city in the world, and has practically speaking but one industry—government. It is unique in many respects. It has an international flavor lent by its cross section of citizens, its magnificent buildings, which portray the imprints left by many men from many lands. The cherry trees that line the tidal basin were the gift of Japan's Mikado, the broad streets are the result of the planning of a French engineer and architect, who was employed by George Washington to do the job, the dome of the capitol building, borrowed in style from St. Peters of Rome, the obelisk of the 555 foot Washington monument adopted in design from the Egyptians. The design of the Supreme Court building, the memorials to Lincoln and Jefferson, the White House are suggestive of Greek temples.

Yet with all its international flavor it represents to Americans—the essence of America. It is the seat of our country's government. It is from sessions held in Washington that come rules and regulations that affect the lives and welfare of every person in the United States. From Washington comes the news that make headlines in every daily newspaper in the United States. Every American who reads at all the newspapers or current literature, which truly exemplify the four freedoms, has a sprinkling of knowledge

of the happenings on Capitol Hill. Every American is interested, almost every American reads, and every American is free to comment as he sees fit.

Washington—where the eighty-second Congress convened in January with 96 senate members, 435 representatives in the house. The average age for Senators as the session opened was 56.6 years; for the house 52 years. About 74 per cent of the Congressmen have had previous experience in politics, or civil service, about 58 per cent are lawyers and 47 per cent veterans. To them Capitol Hill is a layer cake of red tape, regulations and





old customs covered with a thick icing of politics—who gets the biggest bite is the question.

*Washington*—where everyone knows that the District of Columbia has its own local taxes, and they are high, but every American taxpayer contributes his share toward payment of these taxes. The Federal government contributes a share of the total sum needed to pay the costs. The Federal payment is now at the \$12,000,000 mark. The government occupies a large amount of office space, tax free, it has the use of the streets and utilities, without federal aid the District would be in a bad way.

*Washington* — where G-Girls are swarming in droves. In July of 1944 there were 157,710 women workers in the

Nation's Capital — the war time peak. The latest figures of these workers are above 120,000. Recruiting teams are scouring the country to find stenographers to take government jobs in Washington. Defense and emergency agencies are searching far and wide, bally-hooing Washington as a place of opportunity. They do not say, however, that the women greatly outnumber the men, and boy friends are at a premium. Assistants take notice!

*Washington*—where if you want to move in expensive circles all you need to do is pass through the new revolving door of the old House Office Building. It contains 3,100 pounds of bronze, and with 700 pounds of machinery, revolves nicely. The cost \$7,750.

*Washington*—where a mink coat was the topic of much discussion last year. In spite of all the discussion only one woman in every 2,094.2 in this country had a chance of getting a mink coat last year. Frank H. Wilson of the Bureau of Congress comes up with these figures: Total mink pelts in the U. S. last year were 1,887,837. It takes 80 pelts to make a mink coat. This makes about 23,598 mink coats, even if all the pelts were used, which they are not. The nation has 49,419,000 women. Final analysis: one mink coat for every 2,094.2 girls in the country. Sorry to disillusion you assistants if you had any ideas!

*Washington*—where White House souvenirs of "surplus" material for the Executive Mansion now being rebuilt are selling fairly well at from 25 cents to \$100 an item. The \$100 item would be enough old stone to make a fireplace. For \$2 enough wood to make a gavel can be purchased. It is on sale to the customer on the condition that the article will not be resold. If you want a list send a penny postcard to the Commission on Renovating of the Executive Mansion, Fort Myers, Va.

*Washington*—where those who phone the District Morgue no longer get the startling reply, "District Morgue, Saint Peter speaking." The assistant to the Coroner, Joseph H. St. Peter, resigned his job to work for an electrical concern. Perhaps he grew a bit weary of trying

to convince people that he really was St. Peter.

Maybe you, like your curious Editor, have been particularly interested in reading news from, and of the activity in, Washington within the past year since we have known it was to be our 1951 convention site. Wouldn't you like to come and get a glimpse first hand of this interesting and unique city, resplendent with historical shrines, from which comes the news that make top headlines, and whose citizens say is the best place in America to live? I believe you will feel that it was worthwhile. Perhaps when you return home you will feel inclined to dig out a dusty history book from the shelves of your library, and refresh your memory a bit on some of the things you learned long ago, have more or less taken for granted, and actually almost forgotten. I believe you will leave Washington with a deeper appreciation of our form of government, our freedom of speech, freedom of the press. Where else but in America could the subjects have a little fun by commenting on happenings in a national capital as I have in these pages? What people on earth can boast of a way of life that is as grand as ours? I believe that you will be glad for many reasons that you attended this twenty-seventh annual meeting of A.D.A.A.

I'LL SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON  
OCTOBER 15-18.

## RESUME OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM

A.D.A.A. Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting	October 15-18, 1951
Wardman Park Hotel	Washington, D. C.
Saturday, October 13	Certification Examination
Sunday, October 14	Registration
5:00 P.M.—Hostess Society Tea, Burgundy Room	Lobby
Monday, October 15	Registration
9:00 A.M.—House of Delegates, First Session.	Lobby
2:00 P.M.—General Meeting, featuring Speakers:	
"We Have the Answers," Dr. Hugo M. Kulstad, Pres. American Society of Dentistry for Children.	

"Educating the Deaf Child for Citizenship," Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, Pres. Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.  
"Dentistry's Future," Hon. Lester C. Hunt, U. S. Senator from Wyoming

Tuesday, October 16 ..... Morning Free for Sightseeing  
2:00 P.M.—House of Delegates, Second Session  
6:30 P.M.—Reception and Banquet, honoring Pres. Evelyn Brett  
Continental Room

Wednesday, October 17—9:00 A.M.—Conference of Delegates, including Certification Discussion led by members of A.D.A.C.B., Nelle Mitchell, Ruth Doring, Aileen Ferguson, Ruth Roger, Mary Haney.  
11:00 A.M.—Official Roll Call  
11:30 to 1:30—Recess for Balloting  
2:00 P.M.—Special Presentation of Slides by Commander Frank E. Frates, Jr., U. S. Naval Dental School.  
3:00 P.M.—House of Delegates, Third Session

Thursday, October 18, ..... House of Delegates, Fourth Session  
Installation of Officers and Presentation of Trophies  
1:00 P.M.—Table Clinics with American Dental Association at National Guard Armory

Since this meeting is being held in our Nation's Capital it is felt that visiting the historical shrines is as much a part of our Educational Program as our Lectures and Clinics. Therefore, the Clinic Committee has limited the clinics to one presentation, and the only time allowed by the A.D.A. Clinic Committee is for Thursday afternoon. Please make your plans so that this session will be well attended.

The A.D.A. Clinic Committee, also, has limited our space to twenty clinics and has requested "No Substitutions."

STEVE ANN MONTGOMERY, Program Chairman  
MARY VIRGINIA ALLEN, Co-Chairman

*The District of Columbia Dental Assistants Society  
Welcomes You to the Nation's Capital  
October 15-18, 1951*

All members and delegates of the American Dental Assistants Association are most cordially invited to attend its 27th Annual Meeting at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

We have prepared for you a number of interesting social activities, and your Program Committee furnishes the balance with a splendid program that is guaranteed to be of interest to all.

We look forward with great pleasure to seeing you in October.

EVA CARRICO, President District of Columbia Dental Assistants Society

# *The Pleasure of Your Company Is Requested...*

Washington, D. C., members are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the dates October 15-18 at which time they will be hostess to the American Dental Assistants Association for its twenty-seventh annual meeting. We consider this a privilege and an honor, and intend to make every minute of your stay with us as nearly perfect as is humanly possible.

We feel that we have much to offer visitors, both from a standpoint of scenic beauty, and historical interest. The only way to know whether we are right about this is to come and see for yourself.

October is an ideal time of the year to visit Washington. The weather is usually delightful (although a written promise can not be made) well into November, and gone is the discomfort of our much talked about summer humidity. Suits are ideal for daytime wear, but if you prefer to wear a dress, bring a top coat for street wear. Our course you will want to bring your "Sunday best" for the banquet honoring our President, but for the other evenings a street dress is all that is necessary. It is not customary to wear formal dress even at the nicest night spots.

All the functions, social and business with the exception of the table clinics, are to be held at the newly redecorated Wardman Park Hotel. This hotel, without exaggeration, is rated as one of the most beautiful in the east. We are most fortunate to have it for our headquarters. It would be wise for you to make your reservations immediately, if you have not already done so. This must be done through the Housing Bureau, not the hotel. However, if you have any requests as far as location in the hotel, write me after you have received confirmation of your reservation, and I will endeavor to see that you are so placed.

The Banquet and Entertainment Committees have been working hard to insure you that your stay will be delightful. There will be a Tea on Sunday afternoon, October 14, which is to be open to all who are registered. We have planned splendid surprises for the entertainment following the banquet, and hope that you will be pleased. I won't spoil the fun by telling you more now, except to say that arrangements have been made for your convenience in sight-seeing. See the article in this issue of the journal by the Transportation Committee Chairman.

We look forward to seeing you on October 14, and rest assured that our members will be at your service every minute of the time.

DOROTHY HEATWOLFE, Chairman  
A.D.A. Convention Arrangements Committee

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## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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Washington, D. C.

The D. C. Dental Assistants Society and the City District of Columbia, are anxiously awaiting your arrival whether it be by land, air or sea.

A thorough coverage of all routes in travel would take pages, however, the main train lines into the large connecting cities are as follows:

### SOUTHERN RAILROAD

"Southern"—Streamlined coach trains all seat reserved. From New Orleans via Birmingham, Atlanta and Washington, D. C.

"Peach Queen"—Coach and Pullman—Atlanta, Ashville-Winston-Salem, Richmond and Washington, D. C.

### SEABOARD RAILROAD

"Silver Star"—Coach Seats Reserved—Through Schedules, Miami to Washington, D. C.

"Silver Meteor"—Coach Reserved—Through Schedules—Miami to Washington, D. C.

### MISSOURI PACIFIC LINES

"The Texas Eagle"—Overnight between Saint Louis, Memphis, and the Principal cities of Texas.

"The Colorado Eagle"—Saint Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, and Colorado.

Planetarium observation coaches between Saint Louis and Denver daily.

"Valley Eagle"—Between Houston, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley.

"Delta Eagle"—Between Memphis, Marianna, and Helena, Ark., Tallulah, La.

### UNION PACIFIC LINES FROM THE NORTHWEST WITH CONNECTION IN CHICAGO

Trains from Portland, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Boise, Salt Lake City, and Omaha into Chicago.

### WABASH LINES FROM THE WEST INTO SAINT LOUIS

Trains from Los Angeles, Denver, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle into St. Louis.

Train changes will have to be made in Chicago, and St. Louis to the connecting trains of the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads into Washington, D. C.

### NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Trains leave for Washington every hour on the hour.

### AIRPLANES

Of concern to all is the financial problem of a trip. If traveling by air, air coach rates are cheaper and flights are at night.

Capitol Air Lines offer flights from Chicago. Eastern out Atlanta.

No Air Coach Flights are offered out

of Saint Louis. TWA being the only direct flight through to Washington, D.C.

Limousine service is excellent from the Airport into Washington. Public bus service is good for those arriving in the day time. Cost of Limousine is about \$1.50 into the downtown hotels.

### GREYHOUND BUSES

Greyhound Lines have express buses into all the principal cities, which are fast and inexpensive. Reservations must be on Express Buses.

### SIGHT-SEEING SERVICES

Sight-seeing tours are being made on early Sunday afternoon before the tea, and all Tuesday morning. There will be lists as trips No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 going to different points, and the different prices of tours. Tickets will be available at the registration desk. There is much of interest to see, so take advantage of the convention and the Nation's Capital while here.

### WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

A few girls have requested a tour to Williamsburg, Virginia. This trip is a one day trip. Due to the travel distance, lunch reservation, and chartering of buses, the number interested must be known in advance. The Cost of trip is listed as per person.

Travel fare .....	\$5.50
Lunch .....	1.65
Adm. to buildings .....	1.80
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Total cost .....	\$8.95

Bus to leave the Hotel at 8:00 A.M., return 8:30 P.M. same day.

If interested in the trip, which will be made on Friday, October 19th, 1951, travel fare must be paid in advance to Mrs. Helen M. Hicks, 1309 Decatur St. N.W., Washington, D. C., in order to charter the buses. Williamsburg is a town with lots of historic value.

Try to arrive in time for the "Tea" on  
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## ATTENTION... *please!*

For the benefit of those members who have questions concerning the Constitution and By-Laws, either the A.D.A.A. or State and Local By-Laws, these matters should be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and not the Legislation Committee. The function of the Legislation Committee is to watch for laws passed by Congress, or measures introduced in Congress, which would affect dental assistants in any way; and if adversely, to send protests to all State Senators and Representatives against such measures. Reports of such measures should be brought to the attention of the membership at large for their information and action, if action is necessary.

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The Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member of the A.D.A.A. present at the Annual Meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer, (provided that she has not previously received this Trophy). A certificate, giving date of original employment, attested by the employer, president and secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the A.D.A.A. for at least two years, must be notarized. This certificate may be mailed to the Executive Secretary up to October 5th; thereafter, they are to be turned over to her no later than Monday, October 15th, 1951, at 5:00 P.M.

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Delegates to the A.D.A.A. meeting please note that the program includes a session for conference of delegates and Certification discussion.

If the delegates from the various states will find out from the locals within your state the questions they have in mind relative to the Study Course and Certification; and sometime prior to this conference get together and discuss your problems, analyze and condense your questions, present them in a brief and

concise manner, making your discussion of them brief and concise, it will assist the Certification Board in answering all questions satisfactorily in the time allotted to this conference. It will also assist you in taking home to the local societies the information they have a right to expect of you as their delegate to the A.D.A.A. session.

Margaret Crave, Chairman of A.D.A.A. Education Committee, suggests sending a double post card to each local Education Committee Chairman as a manner of determining the questions the locals within your state would like to have answered.

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When you are approached to make donations to the emergency agencies for their use in relief to the suffering, brought about by the recent flood disaster in Kansas and Missouri, remember that some of our members were living in its path of destruction. We have been informed that the homes and all belongings of a few of our members were swept away. We are happy to know, however, that none of our members lost their lives.

Our contribution to one of the agencies is about the only possible way we can aid or lend a helping hand to our sister dental assistants in the tragedy that has befallen them.

### "IN MEMORIAM"

Mrs. Ola Lundy Beatus of Memphis, Tennessee, a member of Tennessee State and Memphis Dental Assistants Associations passed away on June 8, 1951.

God calls our loved ones to a happier life, but in spirit they remain with us forever more."



"HOWDY FOLKS" I'd like you to meet up with Dr. Rex Waggoner and Dr. Dean Huchel and their partners from out North Hollywood way in California. Specializing in children's dentistry, they recently opened a new and novel office so that they might better serve their young patients. This unique and charming "ranch" is called the Bar D-K (decay).

Natural wood paneling, exciting wallpaper, and gay curtains take away the dental office atmosphere. The modern dental equipment in bright pastels seems inconspicuous.

One of the pretty assistants, dressed in latest western fashion, asks small-fry to check their shootin'-irons on a pistol rack just inside the "business office." Next they are invited to play in the corral which is the hub of the office. Here we find hobby horses to ride, a bunk house to relax in, look at comics, draw pictures,

or just stand shyly by and watch the goldfish.

Then comes the big moment when they enter one of the "stalls" and the doctor takes over. If they didn't know, they might think he was one of their movie heroes, as he too wears a dashing cowboy outfit! There's nary a bit of white in sight. Next comes the very serious business of dentistry. You are impressed that the reason behind all this fun is the practice of dentistry for children, preventive orthodontics, education of patient and re-education of parents.

Young mothers leave younger brother or sister in the colt's corral (play pen to you) while being served coffee or tea without sugar. They are actually locked out of the operating rooms.

One local scribe aptly put it "The young-uns think Dr. Waggoner and Dr. Huchel the greatest thing since Hoppy."

MARIE OLSON

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## EDITORIAL

### PAST PRESIDENTS IN REVIEW

"Madam President: No greater honor can we bestow upon you, no higher tribute can we pay you, than to select you to serve as our President. We are happy to present you with this gavel, it is your emblem of authority, by its judicious use you will command the respect to which your office is entitled."

Recently I decided to re-read "A.D.A.A. Crystals of History," which many readers will recall was written by our founder, Juliette A. Southard, and appeared in the September-October, 1939 issue of *The Dental Assistant*.

If there are times when you are inclined to feel dissatisfied with the progress of our association, during the twenty-seven years it has been in existence, I suggest that you dig out this old copy of yours, or obtain one from another member, if your membership is too recent for you to have one, and read this article. I assure you that your appreciation of the efforts of our founder and leaders down the years will soar.

Moved and inspired by the memory of our founder, and her untiring efforts to make a dream of long standing a reality; it occurred to me that as we near the end of our twenty-seven years existence, it would be fitting that we take this opportunity to pay tribute to all Past Presidents of A.D.A.A. So—

To our beloved founder, who served as our first President and for the years of 1925 through 1930 we pause in silent gratitude. She was serving as Editor of the *Dental Assistant* at the time of her death in 1940. The memory of her devotion and great contribution to our association will live forever with us and spur us to better and loftier ideals.

To Ruth Rogers of Michigan—1933 and 1934, who said, "Today we play the role of the professional dental assistant as we vision her, knowing that tomorrow she will be recognized as a professional woman by the dental world."

To Helen Fitting of Pennsylvania—1935, who said "What worthwhile thing has ever been accomplished, which was not preceded by a dream or by a searching for something which was really enriching?"

To Louise Dismukes of Alabama—1936, who said, "It is essential that an organization, such as ours, shall continue to move forward, for it is truly said that if there is no progress retrogression is inevitable."

To Mabel Lyon of California—1937 and 1938—who presided at the 13th annual session, and who said, "The thirteenth annual convention; July 13, 1937; thirteen new societies; thirteen members from Southern California and thirteen from Northern

California, traveling twice thirteen hundred miles to convention, might, to the superstitious mind, seem a bad omen. Not so to the American Dental Assistants Association. To them it is decidedly a good omen, for to them, it means progress. Looking back for thirteen years we can see Progress, looking forward for thirteen years we can rightfully look for progress."

To Marie Sillay Shaw of Georgia—1939, who said, "To repeat the words of a great philosopher; "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success," and the only way we can come together, keep together and work together for the greatest possible success is through the A.D.A.A."

To Ethel Mays Whitenton of Tennessee—1940, who said, "Progress is not achieved by marking time. To progress one must use the margins of time, of ability, of activity, of opportunity."

To Helene F. Meyers of Ohio—1941, who said, "Just as God multiplies intelligence, He multiplies ability, so that the reward of one duty efficiently performed is the power to fulfill many another."

To Mildred L. Rinn of Illinois—1942, who served during the trying year when the memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor was fresh in everyone's mind, and who said, "This year our problem isn't one of growing stale; our problem is to expand our days to include all the interesting and necessary work that is ours to do."

To Dorothy L. Burks of California—1943 and 1944, who said, "We must plan an adequate educational program which may be utilized by all local societies coordinating the information every dental assistant needs in her everyday work, whether she is to be the business office variety, the chair assistant, or find her field of usefulness centering about the dental laboratory."

To Lucille B. Adams of Alabama—1945 and 1946, who said, "Education is the backbone of Progress and development. Without education, which gives us the ability to grasp a true sense of values, there would be no incentive for the accomplishment of better things."

To Margaret Sharp, of Indiana—1947, who said, "Let us here and now resolve to open our minds to constructive thoughts, open our hands to work, open our eyes to quality in people and things, and open our hearts to spiritual guidance."

To Sadie Hadley of Massachusetts—1948, who said, "Education for dental assistants has become a "must," and until the dental colleges are in a position to make available the necessary training courses for potential dental assistants, it becomes the duty of the A.D.A.A., with the aid of the dental profession, to provide a means of obtaining this education for our members."

To Katie McConnell of Georgia—1949, who said, "We must have a definite vision of a bigger future before we can improve. Hoping for advancement without doing something about it accomplishes nothing, wishing for success will not bring it."

To Mary Haney of Nebraska—1950 who said, "Let us rededicate ourselves to a new era of progress so that those dental assistants, yet unborn, shall enjoy even greater privileges and greater benefits."

Wednesday, September 12, 1924. On that date a small group of fifteen dental assistants met in Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of organizing the American Dental Assistants Association. They built more solidly than they perhaps thought. Today our membership is near the 7000 mark. A great deal of the progress of our organization can be attributed to the leadership we have enjoyed throughout the years. One of the tests of a sound organization is its capacity to produce leaders who can meet whatever crisis arises. Our leaders have met that test supremely well. These past Presidents are members who came up through the ranks to the highest office in A.D.A.A. at considerable sacrifice because of their love and devotion to the association.

With no further honors to be held when their term of office ended, they might have abandoned their interest in A.D.A.A., but in almost every case they have continued to serve when called upon. The reward for the efforts made and time given, the personal sacrifices, all of which are "musts" to serve successfully as President of an organization, such as ours, is to be had only in the knowledge that yours was a job well done. That you have used the knowledge gained by accumulated experience, that you have given unstintingly of your time, your energy, and your minds to guide and strengthen the association and to make it what our founders envisioned it twenty-seven years ago.

WE SALUTE YOU PAST PRESIDENTS!

V. L. C.

## *Secretary's Corner . . .* By MARY L. MARTIN

410 First National Bank Bldg.  
LAPORTE, INDIANA

Executive Secretary

It is almost time for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the ADAA in Washington, D. C. See that your Delegates understand the wishes of their State Association in voting for changes in the By-Laws as published in this issue of the Journal. Each State Association President and each Local Society President received a bulletin containing these suggested changes the early part of August.

A new issue of the ADAA Directory of Officers has been distributed to all Presidents; of both State Associations and Local Societies. If you did not receive yours, please advise the Executive Secretary.

Delegates and Alternates will receive their Credential cards from their State Secretaries within the next few weeks.

A copy of the Official Program will soon be sent to each Society. This will be of interest to all members.

Please remember that October 30th, 1951, is the last day for reinstating delinquent memberships, or accepting new memberships for 1951. On and after November 1st, all dues received by the Executive Secretary will be credited for 1952.

### NEW ASSOCIATIONS

ALABAMA—Cullman D.A.A.—Pres., Bonnie Franklin, Route 4, Cullman; Sec., Nettie Northdurft, 208 Leeth Bldg., Cullman.

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Pres., Helen Conklin, 2047 Alta Ave., Louisville; Sec. Eula Mae West, 214 Olympic Apts., Louisville.

MARYLAND STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Pres., Helen H. Lovelace, 611-612 Medical Arts Bldg., Baltimore; Sec., Rita Lupis, 4001 Garrison Blvd., Baltimore.

VIRGINIA—Piedmont D.A.A.—Pres., Thelma Eckhardt, Walnut Hill Apt. C-2, Petersburg, Va.; Sec., Mary E. Williams, 606 Medical Arts Bldg., Petersburg.

### ADVICE TO WRITERS

If you would write stories successfully follow the advice of Alexander Dumas. He said that a book should be like a good dinner, it should have an appetizer first. He meant that the book should furnish the utmost interest to the reader right from the start, instead of beginning slow and wearying him. Once he has the reader's interest, the writer can do the necessary slowing down. Dumas judged others by himself, looked upon himself as an average reader and an average human, and figured that what entertained him would entertain others, and what bored him, bored others.

## ARE WE SLACKERS?

As we near the convention date, we are still lagging behind last year's total membership. Are we slackers?

We will soon be working up enthusiasm for our fall activities in each of our local groups. Let's not neglect to interest new girls in our societies, and the A.D.A.A. By radiating our "Friendship" I am sure that we can gain these girls as new members.

If you have problems, let us hear them. We need to know your problems to be able to help.

VERA M. SPIES

Membership Chairman, A.D.A.A.  
810 Black Bldg., Waterloo, Iowa

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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Sunday afternoon, and let's all get acquainted. Here's wishing all a happy journey.

Please feel free to call upon any of the committee members to help you with any of your travel problems, the names and addresses of the transportation committee are:

EDITH SMITH, 1104 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

MADGE TINGLEY, 607 Selling Blvd., Portland, Oregon.

GRACE ROBINSON, 2176 N.W. 26th St., Miami, Florida.

HELEN M. HICKS, 1309 Decatur St. N.W., Washington, D.C., Chairman.

## GROWTH OF A PROFESSION

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the third and final step toward professional status. As a dentist, I enjoy a certain social and economic status in my community, not because of my personal worth but because I am a member of a recognized and respected group in our social structure. This status of dentistry was achieved not by me, but by the hard work and efforts of those who preceded me. I cannot repay them nor do they expect to be repaid. But what I can do is to work for the betterment of dentistry to

benefit those who follow. It is by this method that we improve our status and is the only method by which a group can attain professional maturity. You have the same opportunity that was offered the first small group of dental graduates in the first College of Dentistry in Baltimore in 1840. I hope you will take advantage of it and build for your group as these graduates did for dentistry. You have one advantage and that is the help and cooperation of the dental profession.

## USE OF A BUDGET PLAN

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cause you can either present your plan under one of the Budget Plans now in existence or so word your own in a way that you involve delinquencies with an attorney or collection agency. People are, therefore, more prone to follow through. I can make this statement because of out of 143 contracts we now have, only 5 have reached the difficult stage. It offers further control because on the basis of long appointments, you can do the work in half the time, get the patient off your appointment book, and be ready to start on new patients. Without a budget plan, however, you are not in a position to do this, because if the patient is paying cash, they cannot afford long appointments. You would have them on your book for an indefinite period of time on short appointments, and taking valuable time that could be used for new patients with additional work.

A Budget Plan further maintains the good will of the patient—to the degree that if the account become delinquent, the third party become involved and the antagonism is in that direction.

The key to fine dentistry then, is a budget plan credit control. Every dentist can have it, not only to improve his practice, but also to make it possible, as a conscientious member of his profession, for people of all walks of life to have better health and finer appearance, which fine dentistry can provide.

# Proposed Amendments to the ADAA By-Laws

*To Be Brought Before the House of Delegates at The 1951 Annual Meeting To Be Held in Washington, D. C., October 15-18.*

1. ART. II—MEMBERSHIP. Sec. 5. 2nd Paragraph, 1st Sentence. Amend by deleting the words, "calling of dental assistant" and inserting the words, "vocation of dental assisting," etc.
2. ART. VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS: Sec. 4. TREASURER: 1st Paragraph, 1st sentence: Amend by deleting the word "same" and inserting the word "them."
3. ART. VIII—BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Sec. 1. Amend by adding "Immediate Past President" so that it will read: The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Immediate Past President, the President, etc.
4. ART. VIII—BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Sec. 6. Amend by deleting the word "same" and inserting the word "them." Amend Sec. 9. by deleting the word "same" and inserting the word, "them."
5. ART. VIII—BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Sec. 14. Amend to read: There shall be an Advisory Council of Past Presidents which shall consist of all Past Presidents of the American Dental Assistants Association. At the close of her term of office each President shall automatically become a member of this Advisory Council. It may elect from among its members, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary to correlate its activities. The Past Presidents Council shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity, but only the Chairman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall have a vote on the Board. This Advisory Council may be called upon between annual meetings for advice and information by the Officers, Trustees, Chairmen of Committees and members and render such services as may be requested by the President or the Board of Trustees.
6. ART IX—EMPLOYEES: Sec. 1. 2nd Paragraph: Amend to read: The General Secretary may delegate as many of her prescribed duties as she deems advisable to the Executive Secretary.
7. ART. XI—COMMITTEES: Sec. 2. Amend last sentence to read: Standing Committees shall expend money or contract financial obligations only as authorized by the Budget Committee and the Board of Trustees.
8. ART. XI—STANDING COMMITTEES: Sec. 4. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE: 2nd Paragraph: Amend to read: To this committee shall be referred all questions, complaints, protests and matters of an ethical nature. When such complaints, protests, etc., concern an individual, as in relation with her local society or State Association they shall be considered by this committee only after the local society's and State Association's Judicial Committees, in turn, have failed to reach a satisfactory decision on the question, or on an appeal from the House of Delegates.
9. ART. XI—Sec. 11. CONVENTION COMMITTEES: Paragraph (b); Amend by deleting the word "same" and inserting the word "them."
10. ART. XV—AMENDMENTS: Amend by deleting the words "same has" and inserting the words, "amendments have," etc.

11. **CODE OF ETHICS:** Amend to read:

**SERVICE** The spirit of the Golden Rule should be the guiding principle of conduct for the dental assistant. In all her contacts with the dental profession and society she should maintain honesty, loyalty and a desire to serve to the best of her ability, her employer and his patients.

**DUTIES** The dental assistant should give her employer the cooperation he needs to serve his patients capably and efficiently. She will hold in confidence the details of professional services rendered by her employer. She should refrain from performing any service for patients which require the professional competence of the dentist, or which may be prohibited by the dental practice act of the state in which she is employed.

**CRITICISM** SHE SHOULD avoid making any disparaging remarks about the conduct of the profession which she serves, or of her employer's treatment of his patients.

**EDUCATION** The dental assistant has the obligation of increasing her skill and efficiency by availing herself of the educational opportunities provided by the American Dental Assistants Association and its component societies. She should take part in the efforts of these groups to improve the educational status of the dental assistant and should support this Code of Ethics.

**USE OF TITLE**, "CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT." Those dental assistants who have been granted certificates by the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc., may use the title "Certified Dental Assistant" in connection with letters of references and to secure employment.

**JUDICIAL PROCEDURE** Problems involving questions of ethics should be solved within the boundaries set forth in the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Assistants Association and as provided for in Article XI, Section 4 of the A.D.A.A. By-Laws.

MARY HANEY  
NITA BROWNING  
KATIE McCONNELL, Chairman  
A.D.A.A. By-Laws Committee

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Posted in Government Office in England

O Thou who seest all things below,  
Grant that Thy servants may go slow,  
That we may study to comply,  
With regulations till we die.

Teach us, O Lord to reverence  
Committees more than common sense.  
Impress our minds to make us plan  
But pass the baby when we can.  
And when the tempter seeks to give  
Us feelings of initiative  
Or when alone we go too far,  
Chastise us with a circular.

Midst war and tumult, fire and storms,  
We pray Thee strengthen us with forms.  
Then will Thy servants ever be,  
A flock of perfect sheep to Thee.

Prayer for a Christian Workman

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, be with me through this working day. Help me to follow the example and the divine counsel of Jesus, the Carpenter, that a good workman should be worthy of his hire. May I give my employer my Christian best in honesty, conscientiousness, and loyalty. Guide my actions and my relations with my fellow employees to the end that others will be helped and influenced by Thy way of life as lived by me. In the name of the master Workman. Amen.—Willard A. Pleuthner, Advertising (New York).

# Views of the NEWS

By BARBARA PALM

Many of the dental assistants' societies were recessed during the summer months. Summer is the time of the year when we all require relaxation from our routine duties. This opportunity for rest and recreation should restore our energies and give us renewed enthusiasm for our work in the dental profession. Fall sees us meeting again as dental assistants and continuing our studies. Let us strive to improve our capabilities so that we may better serve dentistry and further the worthy aims of the American Dental Assistants Association and our individual organizations.

## FIRST DISTRICT

*The Rhode Island Dental Assistants Society* met on May 9 to hear Dr. A. Budner Lewis speak on "Periodical Problems in the Dental Office as Recorded by Photography." His lecture was most interesting and informative. During May the Society had the great pleasure of sponsoring its first spring dance and buffet supper, held at the Pawtucket Gold Club. The semi-annual dinner was held June 13 at Lindsay Tavern, Lincoln. A display of unique hats was featured with several prizes being awarded. Corrine Dubuc and Florence Viens, assisted by the committee, were responsible for this fine banquet.

The Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence was the scene of a capping ceremony and tea on Sunday afternoon, June 24. Dorotha Wilding, mistress of ceremonies, introduced Rita Bannon, education chairman, and Helen Searles, who was chairman of education during the year 1950. Corrine Dubuc, trustee of the American Dental Assistants Association, spoke briefly. Dr. William Deceasare and Dr. Edward Morin, instructors, were present. Dr. Archie A. Albert, president of the Rhode Island State Dental Society, praised the efforts of the dental assistants. The Society is indebted to the dentists who served as instructors. They are Doctors: A. James Kershaw, Maurice A. Denby, Nicholas Migliaccio, D. Eugene Leco, George Denicourt, Hubert McGuil, William Morinville, Norman H. Fortier, Charles McKivergan, Edward Morin, Philip McGrath, A. Budner Lewis, Ilie Berger, Vincent Oddo, Frank Law, and William Deceasare.

This news comes from Norma Forant, publicity chairman for Rhode Island.

*The Massachusetts State Dental Assistants*

*Society* held its eighteenth annual meeting, May 1 and 2, at the Hotel Statler in Boston. On Tuesday evening a banquet was given in honor of the president, Marion O'Leary, and was enjoyed by many dental assistants and their friends. Aileen Ferguson and Edna Curwin conducted the ceremony of Certification on Wednesday morning. A lecture was given by Commander Frank E. Frates, Jr., United States Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland. His subject was "Highlights of Dental Assistants." The following awards were given: increase in membership to the metropolitan district, new membership to southeastern district, essay award to Kathleen Eastwood, clinic awards to Rose Lavoie—first place, and to Mary McAuliffe and Barbara Fowler—second place, poster awards to Phyllis Morgan and Mary McAuliffe—first and second place respectively, and achievement trophy to Beth Auger. Delegates and alternates were named for the National Convention.

*The Valley District Dental Assistants Association* held its installation banquet at Potter Mansion, Storrs, West Springfield, June 13. Also, at this time, all officers and committee chairmen read their annual reports.

## SECOND DISTRICT

*The Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc.*, will hold the opening session of its second Extension Study Course for members early in September. Sessions will continue through Fall and Winter under the supervision of a committee of the First District Dental Society and will prepare the students for the Certification examination to be given next spring. Registration is limited to fifteen. Chairman of the education committee is Yolande Dreyfuss of 2115 Tiebout Avenue, Bronx. She will be glad to furnish further details.

An excellent program of varied topics is being prepared for the regular meetings of the Society during the 1951-52 season, opening in October with an address by Rear Admiral William Maxwell of New York City's Defense Committee on October 19 at the Hotel Statler. His talk will be illustrated by motion pictures. At the same meeting, members of the Clinic Club will present a table clinic called "Economically Speaking." This presentation will demonstrate various aspects of the dental assistants' work.

The Clinic Club, composed of members of the Society proper, meets regularly to originate and present table clinics on all phases of dental assisting and to exchange ideas for greater service to the dentist and patient. These original clinics are made up of miniature models, posters, and other dramatic displays, to be presented not only before the regular meetings of the Club and the Society each month, but also given at the annual meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association, at the Greater New York Meeting, the New York State Dental Meeting, and upon invitation, before dental societies. All members of the Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc., are welcome to attend the meetings of the Clinic Club and to participate in its activities. Sylvia Danenbaum, 700 West 175th Street, New York 33, N. Y., is chairman and will be happy to answer inquiries regarding the Club and the Society.

The Society meets regularly on the third Friday evening of each month, October to May inclusive, in the meeting rooms of the First District Dental Society at the Hotel Statler for the purpose of offering its members educational advantages through open meetings, clinics, and classes. All dental assistants are cordially invited to attend the meetings. Members of the dental profession are always welcome. The officers and members are looking forward to an interesting and worthwhile season and extend their best wishes for a successful year to fellow members of the American Dental Assistants Association. Sylvia Danenbaum is responsible for this fine reporting.

*The Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District—State of New York, under the auspices of the New York City Department of Health, is sponsoring a course in First Aid. Two hour classes are to be held once a week for four consecutive weeks. These lectures will be given at the headquarters of the Second District Dental Society at One Hanson Place, Brooklyn 17, New York. Also available to dental assistants will be a course in First Aid known as an Instructor's Course, upon completion of which the participant is qualified to be an instructor in First Aid. The course, consisting of six two hour lectures, will be held at Second District headquarters. Both courses are to be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings during the month of September.*

*The Second District Dental Society is sponsoring the third Extension Study Course, given by the Dental Assistants Study Club. It consists of 35 three-hour sessions, each to be presented by outstanding lecturers and clinicians. This course includes all phases of dentistry as pertaining to the dental assistant. The fee for new members is thirty dollars, which includes one year's dues to the Dental*

Assistants Study Club, the New York State Dental Assistants Association, and the American Dental Assistants Association. Students who meet the requirements will be eligible to take the examination for Certification. Classes are conducted on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Second District headquarters. Application may be made to Sylvia Schwartz, 332 New York Avenue, Brooklyn. Enrollment is limited. This news comes from Belle Price.

The newly elected officers of the *Syracuse Dental Assistants Association* were installed at a candlelight ceremony on June 20 by Alberta Spalding, past president of the New York State Dental Assistants Association. Mrs. Spalding was assisted by Katherine Hauman as conducting officer. The annual banquet was held at the Lemoyne Manor. Table decorations and corsages were carried out in the association colors of yellow and blue. Grace Ober is publicity chairman for Syracuse.

*The Nassau County Dental Assistants' Society* had its annual dinner on June 6 at the Valley Stream Park Inn. A gift was presented to Evelyn Benoit, the retiring president, in appreciation for her efforts while serving the Society. The new president, Betty Petrelle, was introduced. Guests for the evening were the lecturers, who contributed to the educational programs during the year, and their wives. Also present were members of the New York and Brooklyn Dental Assistants Societies. The Society was hostess to a group of officers stationed at the Mitchell Field Air Base. Yolande Ashettino headed the entertainment committee, assisted by Betty Petrelle and Louise Mazella. Plans are under way for next year's educational program. The Nassau County Dental Assistants' Society will be adjourned for the summer and will resume its meetings in October, according to the publicity chairman, Juliette Fisher.

*The Dental Assistants Association of the State of New York* met for its twenty-third annual session from May 9 to 11 in Buffalo. It was a gala affair including board and executive meetings, social activities, and the nomination, election, and installation of new officers. Reports were excellent. Alberta Spalding completed her term as president and presented the gavel to the new president, Gladys Kennedy. The organization could not be placed in better hands. As a symbol of service, it was voted that henceforth, each president shall receive the National pin and gavel and the conducting gavel for her keeping during her term of office. Both these items were donated to the organization by national trustee Jeanne Loiselle. Jeanne acted as intalling officer during the candlelight services at the Buffalo Athletic Club. A plaque and life membership were extended to Gertrude Carhart, charter member. The surprise was most effective and heart-warmingly received. Speakers included



NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS OF RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY. Left to right: Mary Black, Evelyn Burding, Ellen Estes, Louise Raposa, Jean Swanson, Ali Meliana.

Dr. Willard Bell, vice-president of the New York State Dental Society, who extended greetings and Dr. Harold Solomon who spoke on "Reconstructive Dentistry as a Factor in Cancer Control." The program for this annual meeting was indeed a fine one. Lee Taras and Alberta Spalding have sent this news for New York.

*The New Jersey State Dental Assistants' Association* had a board meeting in Newark on June 17. Members discussed plans for the National Convention in Washington. Lois Ann Cotton, president of Monmouth County, offered to present a poster. Corinne Kerns of Essex will give a clinic on "The Three-quarter Inlay—Indirect Method."

The Essex County Society had its installation of officers at the Hotel Suburban on May 17. Corinne Kerns was chairman for the dinner and entertainment.

*Monmouth County* had its annual dinner at the Old Orchard Inn. In attendance was the state president, Lillie Fairchild, who presented an address. A Fall installation service is planned by Passaic County. Bergen County is now welcomed into the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association. Twelve girls from Essex County took the examination for

Certification on June 24. This concludes the news from New Jersey according to Charlotte Myers, publicity chairman.

#### THIRD DISTRICT

The spring clinic meeting of the *Cleveland Dental Assistants Association* was a great success. The members, along with the 14 Jane Addams student assistants, gave many fine clinics. Francis Machutas garnered the trophy. June 9 was graduation day for the student assistants. They were welcomed into the profession by Dr. Kelly, member of the Cleveland Dental Association allied professions committee. John Hankey and Mabel Hull conducted the candlelight ceremony and capped the girls with the official Dental Assistants' caps, after which they recited the pledge. The new members are all happily employed in local dental offices. There will be plenty of activity in the Fall as the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association has chosen Cleveland for its annual convention, Mabel Hull reported.

*The Dayton Dental Assistants Society* met on May 21 in the Martha Washington Room of the Miami Hotel. Election and installation of officers was the chief feature of the evening. The installing officer was Maude Knapp, as-

sisted by Dorothy Miller as conducting officer. The annual meeting was held in June, followed by a cessation of activities for the summer.

#### NEWS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Combining an outing with the annual meeting was a recent pleasurable activity of the *Lehigh Dental Assistants Association*. The locale was the Y.W.C.A. lodge beyond Allentown. It was a busy afternoon of tennis, badminton, and hiking, following which a caterer served dinner. At the meeting after dinner the new officers were installed. The Association then recessed for the summer with the next meeting to be held in Allentown on September 17. Edna Allen forwarded this news.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT

##### NEWS FROM FLORIDA

On June 28 the third capping ceremony was held by the *Jacksonville Dental Assistants Association* in the ballroom of the Seminole Hotel. Those receiving their caps were: Dorothy O'Hara, Marion Grover, Martha Whilden, Ruth Landrum, Joyce Wade, and Jo Ann Daughtry. This brings to twenty the number of Certified Assistants in the Association. Dr. John Todd gave an interesting talk, Dr. M. Haimowitz presented the certificates, and Dr. C. P. Cleveland pinned the caps.

President Patsy Callahan appointed Jessie Durden as chairman for the next state convention to be held in Jacksonville during the latter part of April, 1952. Jessie has already named her committees to serve with her and plans are under way to make it the best convention held yet. Louise Huntinger won the clinic trophy at the last convention at Ft. Lauderdale. Her title was "From Me to You." Many excellent helpful hints were given. Ruth Landrum has reported.

##### NEWS FROM LOUISIANA

For the last meeting until Fall the *New Orleans Dental Assistants Association* had a barbecue dinner on June 11.

It was given at the residence of the president, Mrs. E. Kloppenburg. It was decided that tickets would be sold in order to defray expenses and any surplus would go to the treasury. The food was so delicious, and the guests so appreciative, that what was planned as a social event became a most profitable return. New Orleans news was sent in by Helen Bandler.

The *Louisville District Dental Assistants Society* met in a special session with the Ashland District Dental Assistants Society at Ashland, Kentucky, on May 26. Mrs. Blanche Carte, trustee for Fifth District, presided. Plans were made to organize a State Association. This Association will be known as the Kentucky Dental Assistants Association, sub-

ject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Assistants Association. This welcome information has come from Peggy Spalding of Louisville.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT

The *Illinois State Dental Assistants Association* held its annual Spring Meeting at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria on May 4 and 5. The main speakers for the meeting were: Dr. Marvin Chapin, oral surgeon from Chicago, and Mr. W. F. Landis from Eastman Kodak Company. A delightful dinner was served Saturday evening, with the Peoria girls acting as hostesses.

There is a new Society in Illinois, namely the *Rock Island Dental Assistants Association* from Moline. This new group is a welcome addition to the State and National Associations.

The *Chicago Dental Assistants Association* held its annual election of officers in May. The Fox River Valley Dental Assistants had their last meeting at Shady Lane in Moreno. After dinner the members attended the play which is presented nightly at the famous Shady Lane. Edith Smith reported for Illinois.

#### SEVENTH DISTRICT

##### NEWS FROM NEBRASKA

In Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel, the *Nebraska Dental Assistants Association* met for the State Convention from May 14 to 16. Dr. E. A. Meservey of Los Angeles was guest speaker. He is one of the organizers of the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association. Bessie L. Peterson, Seventh District Trustee, was also in attendance. The newly elected officers were installed during the meeting.

The annual picnic was held June 24 at David City. The Official Board met at this time and voted to send three delegates and alternates to the National Convention. A campaign to send these girls to Washington is now under way. The Omaha and Lincoln societies have agreed to donate one hundred dollars each to the fund. A goal of three hundred dollars has been set. The various committees for the ensuing year were appointed by the president. This concludes the news from Nebraska according to Mary Ellen Warwick.

##### NEWS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

The twenty-first annual meeting of the *South Dakota Dental Assistants Association* was held May 20 to 22 at the Civic Auditorium at Watertown. The meeting was called to order by president Sally Kleinsasser of Sioux Falls. Among the speakers on the afternoon program were: Harriett Darling, Third Vice-President of the American Dental Assistants Association; Bessie L. Peterson, Seventh District Trustee; and Dr. W. H. Margans, president of the South Dakota State Dental



**Certification Ceremony TOLEDO, OHIO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION** LEFT TO RIGHT: Mildred Andrews, Frances Krause, Lois Osten, Eleanor Mac Phie, Alice Taylor, Alice McQuillin, Mary Mariner and Virginia Petcoff.

Society. On Sunday evening a lovely banquet was given at the New Grand Hotel. The theme of the evening was Friendship and each of the honored guests spoke on this subject.

Monday morning, the first business session brought out a registration of forty-one members. Dr. Melvin Baker lectured on "Plastic Fillings" and Dr. T. P. Mullins spoke on "Economics of Children's Dentistry." Table clinics were presented by Ione Powell, Doris Storm, Rosemary Kappenman, Irene Oakland, and Rachael White, with first and second place honors going to Ione Powell for her clinic on "Patient Education in Diet and Nutrition" and to Rosemary Kappenman for "Care of the Handpiece and Contra-angle." Ione Powell will present her clinic at the National Convention.

The assistants attended the banquet and dance of the South Dakota State Dental Society at the Country Club on Monday evening. The final business session was held on Tuesday morning, with election of officers and final reports of committees. Mayme Nelson presented a paper on "Friendship" and Audrey Javurek gave a paper on "Sterilization." At a luncheon Tuesday noon the installation of officers took place. Harriett Darling presented the Achievement Trophy to Merle Andrews of Huron.

The South Dakota Dental Assistants Association wishes to extend its thanks to the Watertown Dental Assistants for their warm hospitality and efforts which made the meeting a success. Rachael White, publicity chairman, is responsible for this fine report.

*Iowa State Dental Assistants Association* has added to its list of certified members nineteen girls, nine from Cedar Rapids, four from Des Moines, three from Waterloo, two from Fort Dodge, and one from Carroll.

Picnic and bar-b-ques are first rate with Iowa Dental Assistant's these summer months.

The Northwest District Convention will be held in Sioux City, September 30, October 1 and 2. The Waterloo District Fall Meeting will be September 13 in Waterloo.

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT

*The Oklahoma State Dental Assistants Society* has recessed for the summer but has been making active plans for the National Convention in Washington, D. C.

#### NINTH DISTRICT

The tenth annual meeting of the *Washington State Dental Assistants Association* in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Dental Conference was an outstanding success. Much praise goes to the president of the Washington State Dental Assistants Association, Rachael Davis, her officers and committees for their planning and supervision.

The program began on June 24 with registration and a hostess tea with June Maston in charge. There were three meetings of the House of Delegates. The main business was the nomination and election of new state officers, acceptance of Yakima as a new society, a raise in dues, and changes in the constitution and by-laws.

Monday afternoon the General Assembly met in the Medical and Dental Building Auditorium. Dr. H. W. Oppice, president of

the American Dental Association, gave an inspirational address, describing the future formal education of the dental assistant. Nine educational clinics representing several states and Canada, were presented with the conference clinics on Wednesday afternoon. Vera Fuhrman, clinic chairman, and her clinicians deserve real praise. A formal banquet and dance closed this fine convention. Mistress of ceremonies was Ruth Chabot. Mary Pikel, president of the Hawaii Dental Hygienists awarded the officers with floral leis which were sent by Annie Kerr, past president of the Honolulu Dental Assistants. The first clinic prize went to Audrey Pipes and Vera Williams of Victoria, B. C., for their clinic on "Instrument Prophylaxis." Second prize was won by Mary Ann Carlson and Margaret Wesley for "Good and Bad Telephone Technique." Nita Browning received third place for "Business Letter Writing." June Maston, Rosette Weeds, Dorothy Stark, Viola Warren, and Magdalene Krueger were awarded honorable mention cups for performing clinics. Victoria, B. C. was awarded the Out of State trophy for an outstanding clinic. The membership cup was presented to Mary Ann Carlson, president of the Seattle District Dental Assistants Society. The climax of the banquet was the installation of officers. Leona Huntley, Ninth District Trustee was installing officer and the conducting officer was Madge Tingley, past Ninth District Trustee. This was followed by the awarding of door prizes and dancing. The Washington State Dental Assistants Association wishes to express its gratitude for the opportunity of being hosts to eight states and two Canadian provinces during the conference. Ruth Lind and Margaret Wesley have sent this interesting report from Washington.

#### NEWS FROM OREGON

Jean Buckshnis of Portland reports that the following girls represented the state of Oregon at the *Pacific Coast Dental Conference*: Bunny Goswell, Marilyn Harland, Joyce Devenex, Cecile Henry, Gertrude Moyer, Fern Hobbsenfiehn, Marie Keiper, Violet Lolley, Madge Tingley, Mildred McKinnon, Katherine Garson, and Dorothy Walker. The Oregon State Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 9, thus ending the sessions for the summer months.

#### TENTH DISTRICT

#### NEWS FROM TEXAS

On May 15 the *Houston District Dental Assistants Association* met in the Clinic Room of the Stern Laboratory. Reports of the San Antonio meeting were given. Delegates Margaret Carter, Doris Franklin, and Cecelia Norman gave accurately described business reports and glowing descriptions of social activities. Following the reports of the meeting the initiation ceremony was held. Eliza-

beth Parker was the initiation officer, assisted by Verna Beaman. New members are: Melba Fontaine, Mabel Williams, and Doris Russell.

On June 12 a lovely dinner meeting took place at the Majestic Restaurant. The next meeting will be in September. Plans are being made for the capping ceremony for those girls who have passed the Certification Course. Dr. Carmen and Dr. Valenza, chiropractors, gave a lecture on the care of the feet, a subject of which a dental assistant is most "sorely" and acutely conscious. Door prizes were won by Marguerite Peters and Verna Beaman. Frances Stowell sent this news.

The *San Antonio Dental Assistants Association* met at the Gunter Hotel on May 15 with Betty Woodling presiding. A favorable report was read regarding the sale of gift certificates and concerning the recent convention. Newly elected officers were installed in a lovely candlelight ceremony. Installing officer was Helen Watson and Janette Pfeil was conducting officer. A social hour followed the installation, according to Marilyn Dicker-son, reporter.

The *Dallas County Dental Assistants Association* met on April 24 at the Y.M.C.A. Names were presented for new officers by Lillian Metze, chairman of the nominating committee. Guest speaker was Dr. W. W. Hawkins who spoke on "Oral Surgery in General Practice." On closing Dr. Hawkins sang and played his guitar. Reporting for Dallas was Helen Pettigrew.

On May 14 the *Smith County Dental Assistants Association* met at the home of Dr. James Morrison. Iris Hewitt, education chairman, gave a report on the progress of the Study Course. Jippie Tolbert reviewed the events of the San Antonio Convention. Following the meeting and the serving of refreshments, the Study Course was taught by Dr. Morrison. The meeting of June 4 was held at the office of Dr. Gus Pinkerton. Willie Bell Stevens, ways and means chairman, reported that the Christmas cards have been ordered for sale in the near future. The meeting was a brief one so that the Study Course could follow immediately. Helen Clay-ton reported.

A dinner meeting was held on April 20 by the *Panhandle District Dental Assistants Association*. For the program Dr. Witcher gave an address, illustrated with color slides, on growths in the mouth. Plans for the future Certification Course were discussed. Donna Gaines sent the news for this district.

The *Permian Basin Dental Assistants* met in Midland, June 28, with eight members present. Joining the group was a new member, Elizabeth Flowers, assistant to Dr. Blair of Odessa. A Certification course will be given this year with classes opening in September at Midland. Odessa will be host to the West



HONOLULU, T. H. DENTAL ASSISTANTS FIRST CERTIFICATION CEREMONY.

Texas Dental meeting in September. For the first time the assistants are having a joint meeting. A fine program is planned and all of West Texas is expected to be in Odessa for this special occasion according to the reporter, Mary Pietzsch.

#### ELEVENTH DISTRICT NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

*The Fresno District Dental Assistants Association* marked the close of the season with a barbecue dinner at the home of Mrs. Don Eaton on June 11. Assisting Mrs. Eaton were: Miriam Wasson, Edna Sweeney, and Irene Lazzaretti. Sue Garabedian is now president of the local group. Mary Reid sent this news.

*Long Beach Dental Assistants* held their May meeting in the main dining room of the Little Norway House. Members entertained their mothers and guests with a charming fashion show, presented by Madam Estelle Thompson. In June, instead of a regular meeting, members sponsored a Children's Benefit Dance, which was open to the public and which proved to be a huge success. This is the second year for this event and the association plans to make it a yearly affair.

This year Third District, Long Beach, was fortunate to have the Certification Examination held at the Technical Division of the Long Beach City College, which is accessible for most members. Freda Dunwoody efficiently supervised the examination. Third District thanks the doctors and assisting members who gave their services so generously.

The Fourth District Dental Assistants Association concluded its regular meetings until September with Dr. Louis Hill as speaker of the evening. His subject, "Office Management," was well received. All the doctors who gave their time and efforts to the Study Course were invited. Nineteen of the twenty-four instructors were present. Twelve assistants from Fourth District took the Certification Examination in Long Beach, June 30. There is a new project under way to raise funds at the annual Doctors' party. A progressive dinner, with a previous social hour, was held on July 15. Hostesses were Edna Wall, Edna McCambridge, Charlotte Trapeani, Billie Johnson of the Burbank area and Ruth Maas and Marge Christofferson of the Glendale area. All monies were presented to the fund raising group as everything was donated. The party was indeed a success. Peggy Kumm Webber has reported for Fourth District.

#### Honolulu County Dental Assistants' First Certification Ceremony

In a tropical setting, with a background of potted palms, the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association held its first Certification Ceremony in the Music Room of Palama Settlement, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Friday, June 29, 1951.

The ceremony, attended by some 50 friends of the participants, was conducted by Mrs. Norma Zulueta, Certification chairman of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association. Among those present were several members of the Honolulu County Dental Society, who were the instructors in the 104-hour Study Course.

At the appointed hour, 26 neatly uniformed dental assistants filed into the room and occupied the first two rows of seats reserved for them. The Reverend Vincent Crossett, pastor of the Kapahulu Bible Church, opened the ceremony with a short prayer. As each girl's name was called she came forward to receive her certificate from Dr. John H. Dawe, advisor to the group and her cap was pinned in place by Mrs. Zulueta. Annie H. Kerr, who was largely instrumental in organizing the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association in January, 1949, received the first certificate. Then, in unison, the 26 girls repeated the Dental Assistant's pledge after Dr. Dawe.

Next on the program was a short address by Dr. S. W. Glynn, Education chairman of the Honolulu County Dental Society. Dr. Glynn congratulated the girls on being the first dental assistants in the Territory of Hawaii to be Certified and gave a short review of events leading up to Certification.

He recalled that out of a class of 42 members of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association who registered for the 104-hour Study Course in September, 1949, approximately 82 per cent of the girls completed the course. Of those who completed the Extension Course and were eligible to take the Certification examination, held December 10, 1950, 26 were successful in the test.

Dr. Glynn's address marked the close of the Certification Ceremony. Refreshments were served and the girls received leis, corsages and gifts from friends and well-wishers.

On June 15, 1951, the second Certification examination was held for the girls who had completed the 1949-1950 Extension Course, but who were not eligible to take the December, 1950 Certification examination. It is anticipated that another Pin and Capping ceremony will be held in the near future for the successful candidates in the 1951 test.

## Readers' Comment

"I have enjoyed immensely the last two issues. They have so much to offer in the way of information to local committees.

At our national meetings I have heard reference made to the Canadian and British associations. I would love to hear more about these groups, and any others that are in existence outside of the U.S.A. How about a writeup of the background of these groups?" GLADYS HAVEY, Greenwich, Conn.

We receive the journal of the British Dental Nurses Society regularly, and a Canadian representative is always with us at A.D.A.A. meetings. Will try to bring something interesting about these groups soon through the pages of the Dental Assistant.—Ed.

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*New Orleans Dental Conference*, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., Nov. 11-15, 1951. Sec'y: Dr. M. R. Matta, 629 Maison Blanche Bldg., New Orleans, La.

*Colorado State D.A.A.*, October 1-5, 1951, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo. Sec'y: Jean King, 1621 Court Place, Denver, Colo.

*Georgia State D.A.A.*, September 23-25, 1951, Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Sec'y: Mabel Knight, 31 Fourth St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

*Pennsylvania State D.A.A.*, September 11-14, 1951, Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sec'y: Joan Fasel, 2506 Myrtle St., Erie, Pa.

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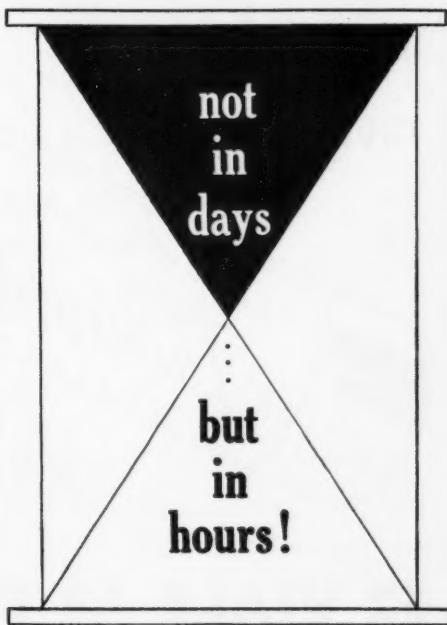
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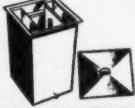
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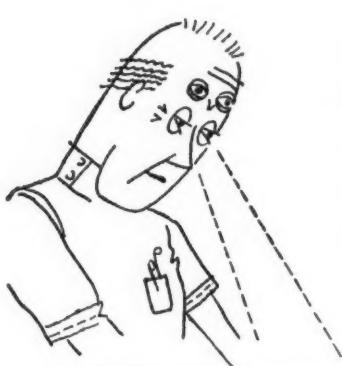
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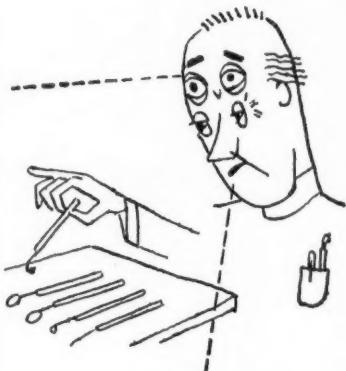
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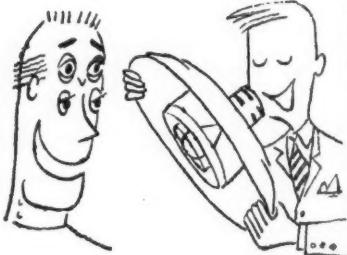
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